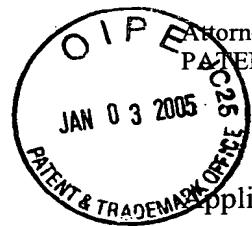


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Sir:

In response to the Election requirement dated December 28, 2004, Applicant elects the species of claims 1-47 and 57-65 without traverse. The issued Election requirement did not take into consideration the two preliminary amendments. A revised set of claims are attached.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in any fees be charged, or overpayment in any fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (33851/42502).

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